



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Recreation and Parks Month – July 2011  
**MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2011  
**PREPARED BY:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Mayor Johnson to present a proclamation proclaiming July as "Recreation and Parks Month."

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The month of July has been designated by the National Recreation and Park Association as Recreation and Parks Month. As the City celebrates this observance, it also recognizes the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in our parks and recreation facilities. These dedicated supporters keep our parks clean and safe for visitors, organize youth activities, provide educational programming on nature, fitness, first aid, advocate for more open space, and fund raise for local improvements.

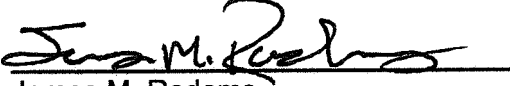
Public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents in communities around the world through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts.

Parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of our society; create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and pay dividends to communities by attracting business and jobs and increasing housing values.

These employees and volunteers ensure that our parks and recreation facilities are safe and accessible places for all citizens to enjoy and the City of Lodi is honored to join in the observance of their contributions.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

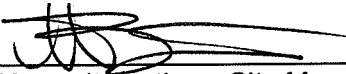
**FUNDING:** None required.

  
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APPROVED:

  
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